EPA's refrigeration contractor was on site Wednesday, August 3, 2016. The pressure in the system was at approximately 6.5 psi indicating some vapor remained in the system. The vapor was removed from the system via the scrubber unit and the pressure in the system dropped to 0.5 psi. As of this afternoon, the pressure in the system was at 0.9 psi. Efforts to melt the ice in the building continue in order to defrost the refrigeration system and collect any remaining ammonia vapor. Once the system has thawed, EPA's refrigeration contractor will return to the site to remove any remaining ammonia vapor and perform a final inspection of the system. EPA will continue to collect the melt water and continue 24 hour air monitoring operations until the final inspection is complete and EPA, in conjunction with the members of Unified Command, are satisfied the ammonia has completely been removed from the system. Thawing operations are anticipated to continue through next week. To date, approximately 11,830 gallons of melt water have been collected.

A sitrep and a Polrep will be distributed every Friday going forward, unless conditions change and an update is needed prior to Friday.